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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SANA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
INFO CHUSMTM DHAHRAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YE

SUBJECT: F-5S FOR YEMEN

REF: (A) SANA 2620; (B) SANA 2664; (B) SANA DTG 121330Z  
JUN 77; (D) STATE 128249

1. FOR SANA: WHILE WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT AL-HAMDI  
HAS DECIDED, FOR WHATEVER REASON, TO FORSWEAR FURTHER  
SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES AND UNDERSTAND HIS CONSEQUENT  
DESIRE TO KNOW WHEN WESTERN ARMS, PARTICULARLY F-5ES, WILL  
BE ARRIVING TO REPLACE THEM, WE STILL DO NOT BELIEVE IT  
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OR  
STATUS OF THE CASE WITH THE YEMENIS. HOWEVER, YOU MAY  
TELL FORMIN AL-ASNAJ THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE ALL OF THE DATA  
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AND WHEN THEY REACH A DECISION ON FINANCING THE USG WILL  
BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE FINAL CONSIDERATION ON THE CASE.

2. FYI: YOUR COMPREHENSIVE AND THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF  
OUR OVERALL SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REF A) AND OUR  
CONSULTATIONS WITH DAVE RANSOM HAVE GIVEN US THE INFOR-  
MATION AND BACKGROUND WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON A

DECISION ON THE F-5E AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. WE THERE-

FORE WILL NOT BE SENDING YOU THE CABLE REVIEWING THE  
DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING AS PROMISED IN REF D.

2. FOR JIDDA: IT IS DISTURBING THE SAUDIS SAY THE BALL  
IS IN OUR COURT. WE HAVE STUDIOUSLY ADHERED TO OUR IN-  
FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SAG (REFS C AND D) TO LEAVE  
DISCUSSIONS OF THIS CASE TO THEM, BUT WE FEEL WE MUST  
NOW SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ALONG THE LINES PARA 1.  
EMBASSY JIDDA IS AUTHORIZED AT ITS DISCRETION TO BRIEF SAG  
ON WHAT WE ARE TELLING YARG. VANCE

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